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11. Under headline "U. S. taking out carrot and stick once again" the July 3 edition of the independent daily "The Daily News" carried an op-ed by Kuthula Matshazi on page 8 that was critical of the United States policy towards Zimbabwe. Excerpts:

12. "...The carrot-and-stick principle that Powell proposes is very ludicrous and derogatory to a people's status. It assumes that money is the fixer of everything. Never. And Bush and Powell know that too. You can't buy us so cheap, Bush and Powell. Sure, there are problems in Zimbabwe, but I do not think that we need America to come and interfere in our affairs. As events and time have shown, only the power of the people can solve the problems of Zimbabwe. Not American money and politics. . . ."

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